

Invitation to the Nordic Congress in Stockholm 17-19 September 2025

Today's and tomorrow's cemeteries

History – Demography – Individual ceremonies – Religion and
culture Ethics and values

Welcome to participate in NFKK's congress, which this year will be held in Stockholm at the Clarion Sign hotel. Five minutes walk from the Arlanda Express and Stockholm Central Station.

Representatives and lecturers from the Nordic countries present similarities and differences in how we manage the funeral business. How do we deal with and relate to death? What does it mean to rationalize away the actual ending? Who decides? Individually or together with other relatives? Freedom versus rules. How can we best meet the wishes and needs of the deceased and the closest mourners, while maintaining dignity and ethics?

Stockholm's cemetery administration is showcasing Sweden's most modern and newest cemetery, Järva cemetery. But we also have the opportunity to visit the older traditional Norra begravningsplatsen from 1827.

The conference dinner will be held on Wednesday in the Blue Hall at Stockholm City Hall. On Thursday, dinner will be served at the foot of the Royal ship Vasa.

The cost for three eventful days of lectures, study visits, exhibitors and social gatherings is SEK 6,300 incl. VAT. (after 19/6 7.300 SKR)

Registration can be done, and hotel rooms can be booked at skkf.se/NFKK



Chairman Inghild Hareide Hansen and other members of the Board
Nordiska förbundet för kyrkogårdar och krematorier



Wednesday, September 17

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| 09.00-11.00 | Registration and coffee, time to visit the exhibitors |
| 11.00-11.30 | Opening of the conference
Olle Burell, Chairman of theMunicipal Council (Mayor of Stockholm)
Representative of the Stockholm Cemetery Administration
Knut Weibull, Chairman of SKKF
Inghild Hareide Hansen, Chairman of NFKK and Cemetery Manager Bergen
Ecclesiastical Joint Council |
| 11.30-12.10 | The funeral culture in Sweden
Retrospect and development over time
Monika Sandberg, Landscape Architect |
| 12.10-12.30 | Why is it taking so long?
Why does Sweden stand out compared to the other Nordic countries when it comes to the long time from death to funeral?
Dennis Jansson, vd SKKF |
| 12.30-13.45 | LUNCH |
| 13.45-14.25 | The funeral culture in the multicultural society
Difference between culture and tradition, country and city, reduced influence of tradition, different religions and the more individual expressions
Jan-Olof Aggedal, Diocesan Lecturer for Theological Analysis |
| 14.25-14.45 | Everyday life at the cemetery and crematorium
More and more individual ceremonies and direct cremations. Changes in grave decoration and expectations of cemetery administrations
Katarina Evenseth, Senior advisor Gothenburg Funeral Association |
| 14.45-15.15 | Coffee break |
| 15.15-16.30 | The Nordic countries' perspectives on today's topics
Talks and reflections on today's lectures
Moderator from Stockholm's cemetery administration |
| 19.30 | Conference dinner at Stockholm City Hall
In the Blue Hall, where the Nobel Banquet is also held in December each year |



Thursday, September 18

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| 9.00-10.30 | New types of cemeteries and burial practices
Nordic landscape architects provide examples and inspiration
Rannveig S. Holm, Norway - Anne Virum Skaarup, Denmark
Monika Sandberg, Sweden - Anna Margret Sigurdardottir, Iceland
Monica Äijälä, Finland
Moderator Inghild Hareide Hansen |
| 10.30-11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00-12.00 | Cremation activities in the Nordic countries
Each country describes its activities, do the crematoria have a future?
Moderator Elof Westergaard |
| 12.00-13.00 | LUNCH |
| 13.00-13.50 | Grief processing
Is more knowledge needed about grief, the importance of ritual and the environment?
Karin Holst-Mikkelsen, landscape architect
Jan-Olof Aggedal, researcher and theologian
Åse Skrøvset, director of Virke funeral |
| 13.50-14.00 | What is ASCE?
Association of Significant Cemeteries of Europe
Sara Carlquist, Landscape Engineer, Deputy Head of
Department Cemetery Administration in Stockholm
Wenche Eriksson, Quality Manager Cemetery Agency Oslo Municipality |
| 14.00-14.30 | Coffee break |
| 14.30-15.30 | Death rituals of the future
Individualization or community
Dean Jonas Eek
Professor of Sociology of Religion Ida Marie Høeg
Moderator Elof Westergaard |
| 15.30-16.00 | Leg stretcher with fruit |
| 16.00-17.00 | Presentation of the cemeteries
and information about the study visits
Järva Begravningsplats and Norra begravningsplatsen
Representative of the Stockholm cemetery administration |
| 19.00 | Dinner at the Royal Ship Vasa |

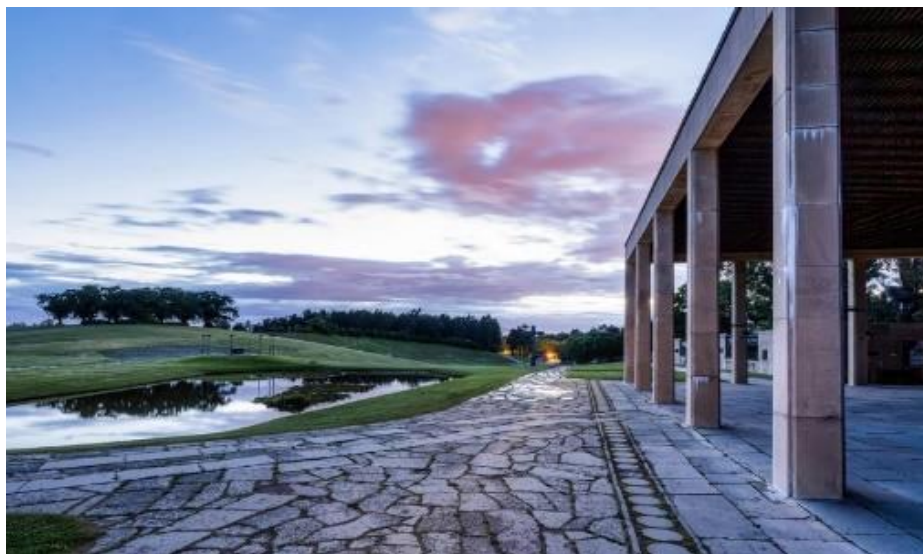
Friday, September 19

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| 08.30 | Buses to the study visit depart from Clarion Sign hotel |
| 09.00-12.30 | Study visit
to the new multicultural Järva Begravningsplats and
to the old and traditional Norra begravningsplatsen |
| 12.30-14.00 | LUNCH
including tour of Syrian Orthodox St. Mary Church in Tensta |
| 14.00 | The buses go back to the Clarion Sign hotel
The return journey takes 40 - 45 minutes |

VISIT A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Take the opportunity to visit the World Heritage Site Skogskyrkogården

Travel from T-centralen for 15 minutes with the metro's Green line 18 towards Farsta
Get off at the stop *Skogskyrkogården*. Walk 5 minutes to the cemetery.
It is possible to "blip" the metro cost with a credit card



On Tuesday 16 September, a guided tour is offered in Swedish and one in English
Gathering at the main entrance at 6.30 pm. Advance registration is required
The tour takes about 1.5 hours and is included in the conference fee

Good to know

The conference takes place at the Clarion Sign hotel at Östra Järnväggsgatan 35 in Stockholm.

A couple of minutes' walk from Stockholm Central Station and the Arlanda Express.

Conference fee

The conference fee until June 19th is 6,300 SKR per person. After that, the cost is 7,500 SKR.

The fee entitles you to participation in the conference, lunches, morning and afternoon coffee, dinner with entertainment and study visits with bus transport.

Registration for the conference is made on SKKF's website, skkf.se/NKFF

The notification is binding but can be transferred to another person.

The last day to register for the regular cost is June 19.

After that, it is possible to register at a cost of 7,500 SEK.

Accommodation

SKKF has blocked hotel rooms at Clarion Sign hotel that *are booked directly to the hotel*.

A booking link to Clarion Sign is available on skkf.se/NKFF

The last day to book accommodation at the agreed price is 19 June, after which rooms can be booked subject to availability at the daily rate.

Rooms can be cancelled up to 48 hours before arrival. Cancellations is made directly to the hotel.

Guided tour of the Skogskyrkogården Cemetery World Heritage Site

On 16 September at 6.30 p.m., a guided tour of the Skogskyrkogården Cemetery World Heritage Site will be offered. The tour takes about 1.5 hours and is included in the conference fee. The easiest way to get to the Skogskyrkogården is by metro from T-centralen to the Skogskyrkogården stop, from there it is a 5-minute walk to the cemetery where the guides are waiting before the gates. There will be one guided tour in Swedish and one in English. They resign at the same time.

Conference dinners

Wednesday 17 May – Stockholm City Hall – Optional clothing

Thursday 18 May – Vasamuseet – Preferably comfortable shoes and warmer clothes due to sometimes uneven surfaces and the fact that, for the sake of the wreck, it is always 18 degrees in the premises.

Visit Galärvarvskyrkogården

In conjunction with dinner at the Vasa Museum, we suggest a visit to Cemetery at Galärvarvet located right next to the museum. At 6:00 PM on Thursday, a guide from the Stockholm Cemetery Administration will be on site.

Study visit Friday 19 September

Buses depart at 8.30 from Clarion hotel Sign to Norra begravningsplatsen and to Järva begravningsplats. The conference end with lunch at, and a tour of, the Syriskortodoxa Church S:t Maria in Tensta. The buses go back to the Clarion Sign hotel at 14.00. The journey takes about 45 minutes.

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